

# THE DAILY WHIP

Wednesday, March 26, 2003 | Floor News from Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer

HOUSE MEETS AT...	LAST VOTE PREDICTED...
10:00 a.m.: Legislative Business	???
Unlimited "One-Minutes"	

## FLOOR SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURE

At 4:00 p.m., there will be a Members-Only briefing on the House floor regarding the War in Iraq. Administration officials attending include Secretary of Defense, Donald Rumsfeld.

### Suspensions (8 Bills):

Suspension bills are debatable for 40 minutes each, may not be amended, and require two-thirds majority for passage.

- 1) **H.Res. 113** - Recognizing the social problem of child abuse and neglect, and supporting efforts to enhance public awareness of the problem (Hayworth - Ed. and Work)
- 2) **H.Res. 57** - Recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of "National Runaway Prevention Month" (Israel - Gov't Reform)
- 3) **H.Con.Res. 44** - To express support for the celebration in 2004 of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Grand Excursion of 1854 (Leach - Gov't Reform)
- 4) **H.R. 825** - To redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7401 West 100<sup>th</sup> Place in Bridgeview, Illinois, as the "Michael J. Healy Post Office Building" (Lipinski - Gov't Reform)
- 5) **H.R. 917** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1830 South Lake Drive in Lexington, South Carolina, as the "Floyd Spence Post Office Building" (Wilson{SC} - Gov't Reform)
- 6) **H.R. 981** - To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 141 Erie Street in Linesville, Pennsylvania, as the "James R. Merry Post Office" (English - Gov't Reform)
- 7) **H.Res. 153** - Recognizing the public need for fasting and prayer in order to secure the blessings and protection of Providence for the people of the United States and our Armed Forces during the conflict in Iraq and under the threat of terrorism at home (Akin - Gov't Reform)
- 8) **H.Con Res \_\_\_\_** - Concerning the treatment of members of the Armed Forces held as prisoners of war by Iraqi authorities (Kingston)

**H. Res. 160** - Rule Providing for the Consideration of H.R. 1104 - Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2000 (Myrick -Rules)

**H.R. 14** - Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 (Hoekstra - Ed. and Work) (Under Unanimous Consent with two hours of general debate)

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## BILL SUMMARY AND KEY ISSUES

**H.Res. 160 - Rule Providing for the Consideration of H.R. 1104 - Child Abduction Prevention Act of 2000 (Myrick – Rules).** The Rules committee has recommended a structured rule for the consideration of H.R. 1104 that provides one hour of general debate; waives all points of order against consideration of the bill; and provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The Rule also makes in order eight amendments in the following order: Pence (10 minutes); Feeney (20 minutes); Pomeroy (10 minutes); Foley (10 minutes); Carter (10 minutes); Lampson (10 minutes); Acevedo-Vila (10 minutes); Smith (20 minutes).

Democrats will continue to insist that Republicans agree to the immediate consideration of the Senate-passed AMBER legislation adopted on January 21<sup>st</sup> (S. 121/H.R. 412). **To allow the House to vote on the Senate-passed AMBER legislation, Mr. Frost will lead the Democratic effort to defeat the previous question on the rule.**

**Democrats are urged to VOTE NO on the Previous Question on the Rule.**

**H.R. 14 - Keeping Children and Families Safe Act of 2003 (Hoekstra - Ed. and Work) (Under Unanimous Consent with two hours of general debate).** This bill authorizes \$312 million in FY2004 for several programs that seek to prevent child abuse, expand adoption opportunities, assist abandoned infants, and prevent family violence.

## REMINDERS

- The Republican Leadership has announced that the voting time on 15-minute recorded votes will be strictly enforced.
- Please Notify the Democratic Whip's Office if you will be absent.

## DAILY QUOTE...

"The Congressional Budget Office said that President Bush's tax and spending proposals will do far less to spur economic growth in coming years than the White House suggests -- and might not provide any kick at all."

*-The Wall Street Journal today*

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